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SUBJECT: ARAMCO AGAIN HAS 11 MILLION BPD DAYS

1. AT ARAMCO CHAIRMAN'S STAFF MEETING JUNSBOQON IT WAS REPORTED THAT PRODUCTION, ON ONE DAY THIS PAST WEEK, HAS TOPPED THE 11 MILLION BPD MARK FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MAY 11 WHEN FIRST FIRE AT ABQAIQ FACILITY OCCURRED. COMPANY EXECUTIVES SUGGEST THAT 11 MILLION BPD PRODUCTION LEVEL WAS NO FLUKE AS PRODUCTION OPERATIONS RETURN TO NORMAL. BEST INDICATOR OF A RETURN TO NORMALCY AT ARAMCO IS THE REAPPEARANCE IN DHAHRAN OF ARAMCO VP LARRY TANNER. EVER SINCE FIRST FIRE AT ABQAIQ, TANNER HAS BEEN SENIOR ARAMCO EXECUTIVE IN CHARGE OF REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OPERATIONS AT ABQAIQ. ALL EVIDENCE SUPPORTS CONTENTION OF ARAMCO MANAGER FOR PLANTS AND PIPELINES THAT HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE EFFECTS OF RECENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIRES ARE BEHIND THE COMPANY.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A FEELING AT ARAMCO THAT WORST EFFECTS OF ABQAIQ FIRES ARE BEHIND THEM, COMMENT ON COMPANIES ABILITY TO MEET FUTURE PRODUCTION TARGEST IS USUALLY QUALIFIEDIBY COMMENT THAT OIL COMPANY'S BAKC UP SUPPORT HAS BEEN REDUCED AS RESULT OF FIRES AT ABQAIQ. WHILE MORE 11 MILLION BPD DAYS WILL MEAN THAT

COMPANY SHOULD EASILY SURPASS ITS 8 MILLION BPD PRODUCTION
FIGURE FOR MAY (SEE DHAHRAN 0685) IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PRODUCTION
WILL BE MAINTAINED NEAR THE 11 MILLION BPD LEVEL FOR JUNE. AFTER THE
JUNE 4 ABQAIQ FIRE THE ENTIRE GHAWAR FIELD WAS SHUT DOWN FOR
SHORT TIME AND THAT, TOGETHER WITH LOWER LEVELS OF PRODUCTION
DURING MOST OF THE FIRST HALF OF JUNE WILL HOLD DOWN PRODUCTION
FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JUNE.

3. IN NEXT FEW DAYS, OR AFTER RESTORE PRODUCTION LEVELS HAVE BEEN
MAINTAINED FOR A FEW DAYS, POST WILL PROVIDE CLOSER READING OF
ARAMCO PRODUCTION FORECASTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE.
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